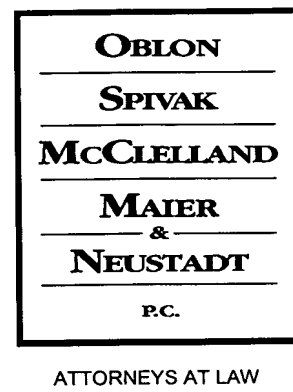


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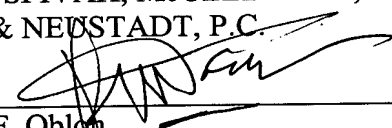
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In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5 drawn to antimicrobial polymer blend. Applicants also elect, with traverse, polyolefin as the other polymer in response to the Election of Species Requirement. Claims 1-12 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to antimicrobial polymer blend;
- Group II: Claim 6, drawn to medical technology items;
- Group III: Claim 7, drawn to hygiene items;
- Group IV: Claims 8, drawn to coatings;
- Group V: Claim 9, drawn to biocidal formulations;
- Group VI: Claim 10, drawn to film or fiber;